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REORGANIZATION

LEADING MAURITIAN INDEPENDENT DAILY, L'EXPRESS, RAN FOLLOWING
FRONT PAGE STORY JUNE 24:
BEGIN TEXT (TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH): INTERNAL SECURITY.
REORGANIZATION UNDERWAY. TRANSFERS IN THE SPECIAL BRANCH.
THE AUTHORITIES ARE NOW PROCEEDING WITH A REORGANIZATION OF THE
INTERNAL SECURITY STRUCTURES AND ARE BEING AIDED IN THIS TASK
BY A BRITISH EXPERT WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED IN MAURITIUS. THE
EXPERT, MR. HARSTON, WHO IT IS BELIEVED BELONGS TO THE BRITISH
INTELLIGENCE SERVICE, CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER ON WEDNESDAY
ALONG WITH A HIGH BRITISH OFFICIAL. THE MEETING, WHICH LASTED
MORE THAN AN HOUR, WAS SURROUNDED BY A CERTAIN MYSTERY. THERE
HAS BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF TALK RECENTLY ABOUT THE FUTURE CREATION
OF AN ELITE CORPS OF A THOUSAND SOLDIERS CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE
PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE OR TO BE RECRUITED BY A
SELECTION COMMITTEE. THESE MEN, WHO WILL BE GIVEN SPECIAL
TRAINING ON THE ADVICE OF FOREIGN EXPERTS, WILL BE
RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNAL SECURITY AND THE SECURITY OF MAURITIAN
TERRITORIAL WATERS. THERE HAVE BEEN A SERIES OF TRANSFERS
IN THE SPECIAL BRANCH SINCE THE GENERAL ELECTIONS, AS WELL AS
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A DECISION BY THE AUTHORITIES TO TRANSFER CERTAIN OFFICES
WHICH ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL
BARRACKS, WHICH ARE BECOMING "RESTRICTED AREAS", ALL OF THIS
BEING PART OF THE REORGANIZATION WHICH IS UNDERWAY. END TEXT.
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